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For: METHOD OF BUILDING UP A DATA BANK CONTAINING CUSTOMER DATA AND/OR FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF A REBATE OR COUPON SYSTEM

[x] This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates:
  ___German appl. No. 196 41 092.4___ / ___October 4, 1996___; _____/_____.

[ ] Please amend this application by adding the following before the first sentence: --This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/_____, filed _____, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference.--

Enclosed are:

[x] ___2___ sheet(s) of [ ] formal [x] informal drawing(s).
[ ] An assignment of the invention to _____ .
[x] A [ ] signed [x] unsigned Declaration & Power of Attorney.
[ ] A [ ] signed [ ] unsigned Declaration.
[ ] A Power of Attorney.
[ ] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 [ ] is enclosed [ ] was filed in the earliest of the above-identified patent application(s).
[ ] A certified copy of a _____ application.
[ ] Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97.
[ ] A petition to extend time to respond in the parent application of this continuation-in-part application.
[x] Preliminary Amendment

In view of the Unsigned Declaration as filed with this application and pursuant to 37 CFR §1.53(d), Applicant requests deferral of the filing fee until submission of the Missing Parts of Application.

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